

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST 2009 AT 7.00pm AT THE VILLAGE
HALL

Councillors present: Prof. David Mellor - Chairman
Mr David Dashwood
Mr Ian Hunt
Mr John Grant
Mrs Jenny Forbes
Dr Nigel Heywood

Ms Sue Shepard (Clerk)

Public Time

1. Apologies: Mr Martin Wall

2. Minutes of the meeting on 8th July had been circulated. They were taken as read, adopted and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1 Ownership of the Village Hall.

The Council had been advised at the Internal Audit to takes steps to establish its exact legal status and obligations in regard to the Village Hall so that it has a clearer idea of its obligations and its assets.

Cllr Grant had made contact with Aplins Solicitors who confirmed that they hold the title deeds to the Village Hall site but that it is not registered at the Land Registry. What follows is an extract from an e-mail from Aplins. The Parish Council does not own the access road but does have a right of way at all times over a portion of the roadway for all purposes connected with the use and enjoyment of the site. However, the right of way is subject to maintenance of the road surface and the erection and maintenance of the gate. Any breach could lead to the withdrawal of the use of the right of way. The land is held under the provisions of a Trust Deed dated 7th June 1961 which is kept with the Title Deeds. This Deed provides for a Committee of Management of not more than ten members representing five bodies, the WI, the British Legion, the PCC, the Sports Club (youth organization) and the Parish Council and in addition a maximum of 4 co-opted members to represent interests in the area of benefit not represented by any organization.

Cllr Mellor had contacted the Land Registry to request a search and in turn had needed to contact Ordnance Survey for a map of the site.

3.2 Stable House

The Chairman still needed to write to the owners of Stable House to ask for a written apology. **Update:** The letter has been sent.

4. Finance.

4.1 Barclays bank statements as at 31st July

Community A/C	£334.08
Business Premium A/C	<u>£8388.00</u>
	£8722.08

4.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

100408	E-On invoice - lighting £131.57
100409	Edge2Edge (Leo Kempster) £160
100410	John Hicks Playground Inspection £48.65
100411	D Mellor reimbursed: Ordnance Survey £21.28 and Land Registry £5

5. Correspondence since 8th July

CPRE Northamptonshire. Letter from David Montagu-Smith, Chairman, West District Committee, invitation to Late Summer Supper at Stanwick Lakes on 11th September and CPRE Northamptonshire News Outlook

NCALC Vitalise – request for funding

“Update” July – August 2009

West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy- Emergent Joint Core Strategy Consultation 31st July – 11th September 2009

e-mail from **Elaine Longstreth** with reference to location of street light on Main Road **Northampton Borough Council** – Emerging Strategy for the Central Area Action Plan. Consultation from 7th August – 18th September

Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Public Meeting on 2nd September at Cherwell District Council

Telephone call from **Terry Longstreth** - arrangements made for him to meet Cllr Grant on 11th August

- SNC**
- i) Alterations to electoral register
 - ii) SNC’s Priorities for 2009/10 – ‘The Way Ahead’
 - iii) SNC Chairman requesting groups to organise a one off fund raising event for his chosen charities: Caring and Sharing Trust and PSP Association
 - iv) SNC “Housing 4U”
 - v) Presentation to all Parish Councils on strategic policy matters
 - vi) Summer Activities – posters and flyers

NCC i) Highways. Annual Day Conference to be held on 9th December

Brochures: Monsterplay – youth shelters

6. Traffic Issues – updates

A meeting with County Councillor Ron Sawbridge, Tim Boswell MP and Andrea Leadson has been scheduled for Friday, 14th August to discuss the request for a by pass.

7. Play equipment repairs

Cllr Dashwood had obtained a quote from Wicksteed Leisure to replace the two swing seats: £186.00 + pp£15 81 + VAT. The Council approved this payment and Cllr Dashwood would ask for the seats to be delivered to him and the invoice to be sent to the Clerk.

8. Planning matters

The Council supported application **S/2009/0677/P** for a detached garage at **Pheasant Lodge** and a further application, **S/2009/0682/LB** for the conversion of barn to a farm shop at **Limes Farm**.

9. “Village Peacock”

Although there had been some complaints about the noise made by the peacock, it was considered that there were more villagers in support of the peacock remaining. It is a

regal bird and the village is lucky to have it and, short of polling all residents, it is difficult to know what the majority view is.

10. Street light on Main Road

The owners of Mayfield, Queen Street advised the Council that the new lighting column to replace street light number 6 had been erected on their land. Cllr Grant confirmed that the land does appear on their title deeds. It is usual for utilities to have access to land within one metre of the edge of the pavement and they take priority over ownership. However, it was agreed that E-on would be asked to re-site the column as close to the existing wooden pole as is possible. Cllr Grant would inform the resident of the outcome of the Council's discussions.

Councillors round the table.....

1. Overhanging shrubs and trees in parts of the village, opposite school and opposite the Church between Chapel Lane and Charlton Way, were making it difficult to get past. Cllr Mellor agreed to contact the relevant householders.
2. Cllr Heywood wanted to know whether the light grey painted lines, numbers and letters in Manor Lane were relevant to any other work going on in the village.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 15th September at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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